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AP TICKER ITEM 132 CARRIES FOLLOWING WHITE HOUSE STORY:

QUOTE: KISSINGER-ROGERS. WASHINGTON (AP) - A WHITE HOUSE OFFICIAL TODAY DENIED THAT HENRY A. KISSINGER IS THE SOURCE OF REPORTS THAT HE WILL REPLACE WILLIAM P. ROGERS AS SECRETARY OF STATE.

"IT JUST ISN'T TRUE," THE OFFICIAL SAID WHEN ASKED TO COMMENT ON A NEW STORY WRITTEN BY KEYES BEECH OF THE CHICAGO DAILY NEWS FROM TOKYO WHERE ROGERS IS ATTENDING A U.S.-JAPAN ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.

THE OFFICIAL ALSO DESCRIBED AS UNTRUE THE SUGGESTION THAT KISSINGER IS TRYING TO EASE ROGERS OUT OF HIS JOB.

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"EVERY TIME HE HAS BEEN ASKED ABOUT THE FUTURE,

DR. KISSINGER HAS SAID HE IS VERY HAPPY IN HIS JOB," THE
OFFICIAL SAID. "I AM CERTAIN THAT HE STILL IS."
END QUOTE. RUSH

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